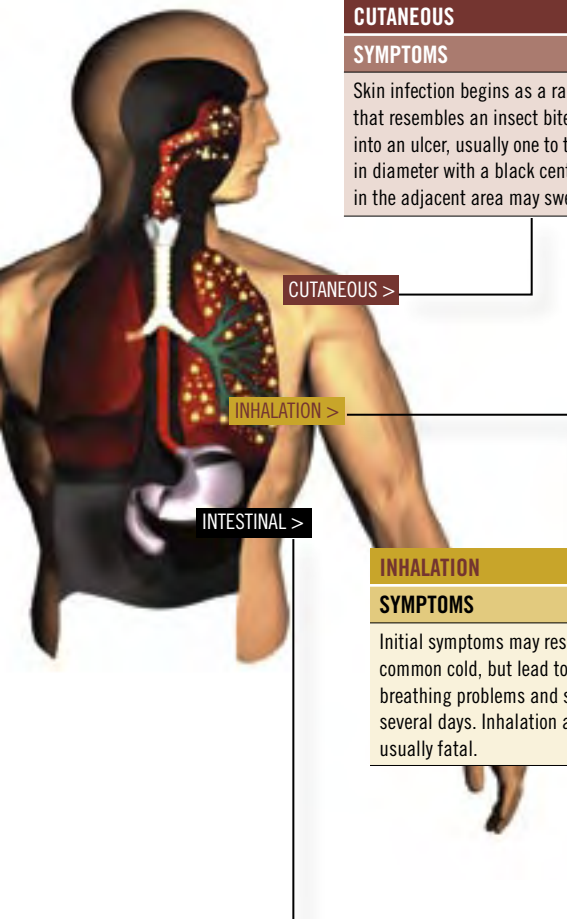


# Anthrax

## Forms of Anthrax



### CUTANEOUS

#### SYMPTOMS

Skin infection begins as a raised itchy bump that resembles an insect bite, but soon turns into an ulcer, usually one to three centimeters in diameter with a black center. Lymph glands in the adjacent area may swell.

#### TREATMENT

Antibiotics, extremely effective against naturally occurring strains. About 20 percent of untreated cases result in death.

### CUTANEOUS >

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### INHALATION

#### SYMPTOMS

Initial symptoms may resemble a common cold, but lead to severe breathing problems and shock after several days. Inhalation anthrax is usually fatal.

#### TREATMENT

Antibiotics, effective in the first days after infection. About 90 percent of untreated cases result in death.

### INTESTINAL

#### SYMPTOMS

This form of anthrax may follow the consumption of contaminated meat and is characterized by an acute inflammation of the intestinal tract. Initial signs include nausea, loss of appetite, vomiting, and fever, followed by abdominal pain, vomiting blood, and severe diarrhea. Between 25 percent and 60 percent of cases are fatal.

#### TREATMENT

Antibiotics, including penicillin, tetracycline and ciprofloxacin. About 25 percent to 60 percent of untreated cases result in death.